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Timothy,

I have attached a briefing paper that was sent to the NV State Director regarding the grazing allotments in Gold Butte that I believe was included with the data call. The briefing paper describes the status of the grazing allotments and Southern Nevada District Office's recommendations on addressing the issue. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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Hi All

So the questions from DOI review are pouring in.... the first round seems to be focused specifically on AUMs. Now I know there might be some issues or data gaps, but I am hoping Nevada can try to address the questions asked of the two monuments or formulate a response if you can not address.

I am here to help - so if we need to talk through the questions please let me know.

Thanks,

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Can u help answer these ??

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Hi Ann,

I will see if we can get at least an estimate on what percentage of permitted AUM's was billed for Basin and Range (it would only be for one year since it hasn't been 2+ since designation).

For Gold Butte, I will look into billed AUMs vs proclamation language and the ACEC 's and confirm.

I'll get back to you as soon as possible,

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On Jun 15, 2017, at 5:12 PM, Miller, Ann <[ann\\_miller@ios.doi.gov](mailto:ann_miller@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Nikki,

I have a couple of questions (so far) on the two Nevada National Monuments.

1. For Basin and Range, I understand there are data gaps that make it such that billed AUMs cannot be calculated. Is it possible to get an estimate of typically what percentage of permitted AUMs are billed annually?
2. For Gold Butte, information on billed AUMs within monument boundaries was provided in the responses to the data call based on the percentage of the monument that lies within the Mesquite Community Allotment. However, the proclamation states that the area was withdrawn from livestock grazing in 1998. Can I get a confirmation of whether or not there is livestock grazing on the monument? Also a EA for the ACECs within the Las Vegas FO from 2007 indicated that grazing permits within the ACECs were bought out in the mid 1990s by Clark County for desert tortoise conservation efforts ([this](#) is the one I was looking at, p28). I'm just wondering if this applies to the ACEC areas that are now GBNM.

Thanks!

Ann

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Arizona Strip District



Map of the Arizona Strip District showing its location within the state of Arizona. The map highlights the district's boundaries and shows major cities like St. George, Mesquite, Kanaab, and Page. A legend indicates the location within the Arizona Strip District.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE NEVADA STATE DIRECTOR**

DATE: May 29, 2017

THROUGH: Tim Smith, District Manager, Southern Nevada District Office

FROM: Lee Kirk, Acting Monument Manager, Gold Butte National Monument

SUBJECT: Grazing Allotments in Gold Butte National Monument

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this memo is to provide a status of the grazing allotments administered by the Arizona Strip District within the Gold Butte National Monument (GBNM) and Southern Nevada District Office's (SNDO) recommendation for addressing the issue.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Below is a brief description of the status of the grazing allotments administered by the Arizona Strip District that are wholly, or in part, located within the GBNM:

Tassi Allotment

The majority of this allotment is within Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument in Arizona. The rest of the allotment is in the GBNM. The Grand Canyon-Parashant Resource Management Plan (RMP) (2008) designated the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered portion of the allotment as unavailable for grazing (not closed).

Mosby-Nay Allotment

The majority (over 90 percent) of this allotment is within Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument in Arizona. The RMP (2008) designated the portion of the Mosby-Nay Allotment in Nevada as unavailable (not closed) for grazing. The majority of the allotment in Arizona is available for grazing.

Lime Spring Allotment

This allotment is entirely within the GBNM (and livestock grazing is administered by the AZ Strip District, through agreement with the SNDO). This allotment is designated as available for livestock grazing in the AZ Strip Field Office RMP (2008). This allotment is currently listed as an ephemeral allotment and as such does not have a term permit. It is authorized for grazing on a year-by-year basis when monitoring shows there is sufficient forage available. The allotment was authorized for grazing in 2016, and will likely have an application to graze in 2017.

Mesquite Community Allotment

A portion of two separate pastures of this allotment are within Gold Butte National Monument. The allotment is designated as available for grazing in the AZ Strip Field Office RMP (2008). The current grazing permit will expire on 12/12/2020.

### III. POSITIONS OF INTERESTED PARTIES

The Gold Butte National Monument proclamation states the following regarding livestock grazing: “Livestock grazing has not been permitted in the monument area since 1998 and the Secretary shall not issue any new grazing permits or leases on lands within the monument.”

This could affect the current livestock grazing permit holders who may apply for renewals of their existing permits or apply for the ephemeral allotment grazing permit.

A field trip to the Lime Spring Allotment was conducted on May 11, 2017, which included the Grand Canyon-Parashant Monument Manager, Vermilion Cliffs Monument Manager, Arizona Strip Field Office Manager and Rangeland Management Specialist, and the Gold Butte Acting Monument Manager. During the field trip, it was discussed and agreed that there was an oversight regarding livestock grazing in the Gold Butte Proclamation because there are active grazing allotments that are administered by Arizona Strip District within the GBNM. The group recommended the following options be considered to address the concerns:

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